

REMARKS

Claims 16-27 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 1-15 are canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter recited in those claims, and claims 16-27 are added. The added claims introduce no new matter as they are supported by the specification and/or the claims as originally filed. Reconsideration of the application based on the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiner Quach in the July 6, 2005 personal interview. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

The Office Action, on page 2, rejects claims 1 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,870,225 to Bryant et al. (hereinafter "Bryant"). The Office Action, on page 3, rejects claims 7 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Bryant taken with U.S. Patent No. 6,441,560 to Hunter or U.S. Patent No. 5,621,558 to Shimada et al. (hereinafter "Shimada"). Claims 1-15 are canceled, and to the extent that Bryant, or a combination of Bryant and the other applied references, may be applied to the new claims, Applicants respectfully traverse based on the following.

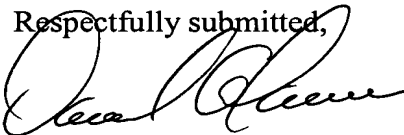
Claim 16 recites, among other features, a semiconductor layer formed on at least a part of the source portion, at least a part of the drain portion, and at least a part of the first insulating film. Bryant is silent with regard to such a feature, and thus cannot be read to teach, or even to have suggested, the combination of all of the features recited in at least independent claim 16. Additionally, none of the other applied references overcomes the shortfall in the application of Bryant to at least the features recited in claim 16. Finally, claims 17-27 are also neither taught, nor would they have been suggested, by Bryant, or a combination of Bryant taken in view of the other applied references, for at least the respective

dependence of these claims directly and indirectly on independent claim 16, as well as for the separately patentable subject matter which each of these claims recites.

Applicants' representative presented the above claim amendments and arguments to Examiner Quach during the July 6 personal interview. The Examiner indicated that Applicants' arguments were reasonable and that the added claims appeared distinguish over the applied references. Examiner Quach indicated that he would more fully consider the allowability of the pending claims upon Applicants' submission of a formal response to the Office Action.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 16-27 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below.

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